110TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. R. 195

To provide greater health care freedom for seniors.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**January 4, 2007** 

Mr. Paul (for himself, Mr. Jones of North Carolina, and Mr. Culberson) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

## A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Seniors' Health Care
- 5 Freedom Act of 2007".
- 6 SEC. 2. FACILITATING THE USE OF PRIVATE CONTRACTS
- 7 UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.
- 8 Section 1802(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
- 9 1395a(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (3) and by

- 1 redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as paragraphs (3)
- 2 and (4), respectively.
- SEC. 3. NO ELIGIBILITY CONDITION BASED ON REFUSAL TO
- 4 PARTICIPATE IN A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.
- 5 No persons otherwise eligible for old-age benefits
- 6 under Social Security shall be denied such benefits be-
- 7 cause of their voluntary refusal to participate in any part
- 8 of the Medicare program.

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